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Subject Re: Modified Comments

Here is my modified comments [Without my address]

August 26, 2004

Docket Number: 04-0140

The purchase of Verizon Hawaii by The Carlyle Group is not in the best interest of the people of Hawaii.

1. I question TCG's commitment to Hawaii. They recently unloaded Horizon Lines after only one year of ownership for a tidy profit. TCG's investors expect high ROI. Owning a telephone company will not bring you a high ROI. Thus it would not surprise me they quickly unload Verizon Hawaii after a short period of time.

2. I'm concerned how this will effect my DSL service currently offered by Verizon Online. Since Verizon will be out of the picture I'm afraid my monthly DSL cost will go up from 29.95 a month. I could keep VOL if I wanted to after the purchase. But the catch is it will definitely be higher than 29.95 a month.

Currently getting DSL from a local reseller costs more than double the 29.95 rate charged by Verizon. It seems I'll be up the creek without a paddle if this purchase goes through.

3. I know TCG promised no rate increases for 10 years. But the numbers do not add up. With the added cost of bringing the back office operations currently on the mainland back to Hawaii among other things. The numbers won't work unless TCG does do a rate increase in my opinion.

The people of Hawaii depend on reliable telephone service. Allowing a carpetbagger company like TCG purchase a critical utility like Verizon Hawaii is bad for the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time,

Aaron Stene

Also my question about Kris Nakagawa's comments that the public comments on this purchase do not matter. I would like some clarification on that.

Hawaii.PUC@hawaii.gov wrote:

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> Mr. Stene,

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> Please note that all documents will be posted for public review as
> received. The Hawaii PUC strictly refrains from doctoring documents

> that are deemed to be "public records."
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> You may withdraw your comment regarding Docket No. 04-0140 sent on
> 8/23/04 and resubmit it without your mailing address. Please advise as
> to your preference.
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> Sincerely,
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> Aloha,
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> Could you redact the mailing address from my comments.
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> Thank you,
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> Aaron Stene
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